



Step Up To The Table



Students vs. Squirrels

Name That College

Committee To Vote, Students To Rally

By CONOR REILLY
Editor-In-Chief

Next Tuesday, one committee's vote will propel Mary Washington College toward a new name, and perhaps a new identity.

The 21-member Image and University Name Committee will vote Nov. 18 on three possible umbrella names that would link Mary Washington College and the James Monroe Center when the college moves to university status.

Once the vote is made, President Bill Anderson will present the results to the Board of Visitors for their vote on Nov. 22. The BOV will then submit their decision to the Virginia General Assembly for final approval in early 2004.

Earlier in the year, the committee decided that Mary Washington University, Washington and Monroe University and Washington University of (or in) Virginia would be the top candidates for the name change.

Several members of the committee have publicly stated their preference for the college's new name. Reacting to the possibility of a new name for the college, students are rallying in support of Mary Washington University.

The Mary Washington College students on the committee announced they will only support the name Mary Washington University.

Kristin Orstead, student government association president and Katie Leesman, chair of the legislative action committee issued a survey to the student body. Almost 1,500 students replied and of those, 91 percent wanted Mary Washington University as the overarching name of the school.

"I'm going to vote Mary Washington University because I feel the students have spoken," Leesman said. "It's essential to our heritage, it's essential to our identity. Any other name would detract from that identity."

Orstead added, "It's another way to save the name."

Martin Wilder, dean of admissions said in a letter to the editor in the Free Lance-Star, "I

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Andrew Sturm's 1998 BMW M3, which was stolen from Russell lot.

Grand Theft Auto

Student's BMW Stolen, No Suspects

By LAUREN DeANGELIS
Features Editor

Senior Andrew Sturm didn't think twice about leaving his dorm room unlocked while he was in the shower on Tuesday, Oct. 7. In his three years at Mary Washington College, he has never locked his door and nothing has ever been stolen.

This changed when someone went into Sturm's unlocked room, took his keys and cell phone and stole his 1998 BMW M3, worth \$24,000, from a campus parking lot, he said.

"My first thought was that I misplaced my keys," Sturm said. "So I went to check my car. I got down to Russell lot and there was another car parked in my place."

According to Chief J.C. Snipes of the campus police, Sturm last saw the car at 5:30 p.m. and reported it stolen at 8:30 p.m. Snipes said there are no suspects or leads.

Due to the nature of the case, Snipes speculated the thief was someone who would have to know or be familiar with the college community.

"I don't think it was somebody off the street," Snipes said.

Sturm, however, said he suspects the person who stole his car is more likely to be someone outside the college.

"I have a very recognizable car," Sturm said. "They could have seen me driving and followed me back to the dorm. As you know, dorm security isn't exactly tight. I could have

held the door for them on my way in."

According to Sturm, his BMW elicited compliments from students at least once a week and occasionally from people off campus. He attributed this to the car's appearance and well-known name.

"It was electric blue, with nice lines, a spoiler and a racing front end," he said. "BMW M3s are legendary."

Sturm, whose father bought him the used car for \$32,000 in 2001, also lost about 50 or 60 CDs and his hockey skates. His insurance has already paid \$32,000, close to the car's retail value, for the car and hockey skates. Sturm's insurance does not cover the cost of the CDs or his stolen cell phone.

Since his entire ring of keys was stolen, Sturm also has to pay the college to replace his residence hall room key and the key to the residence life staff office in Mason Hall, where he is a resident assistant.

According to Sturm, his keys and cell phone were in plain view on his desk when they were taken. However, his wallet, which contained \$100 cash and his roommate's wallet and keys were not taken.

As of Nov. 9, Sturm said the police had not contacted him about the theft.

"To be honest, I have no clue at all what the police are doing," he said. "My first reaction is to say yes that bothers me. But what can campus police do if the car is not on

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Student Attacked, Robbed

By TOM BORAK
Staff Writer

Halloween is supposed to be scary, but for Mary Washington College senior David Kardan, it turned into a personal nightmare. Kardan was returning home from a party on Oct. 31 when he was attacked and robbed.

Kardan suffered a gash over his right temple and fractured the orbital bone under his right eye. The bone was pushed up against the eye preventing him from moving the eye from side to side.

Kardan underwent reconstructive surgery in which the bone fragments were removed and a metal plate was inserted and secured with a screw to hold the bone in place. He also received five stitches to close the wound over his temple.

In addition to the injuries, the attackers took Kardan's key chain, which included his car keys and a cardholder that contained his debit card, driver's license and his college identification card. Kardan's cell phone was also stolen.

"I didn't have my wallet on me and I didn't have any cash," Kardan said. "The only things I had on me, they took."

The incident occurred on Kenmore Avenue, two blocks from the Mary Washington College campus. Kardan was walking home from a party with a group of friends, but when they chose to visit another house, he decided to go to his room in the MWC Apartments alone.

"I was approached by two African American males," Kardan said. "They asked me where the Underground was and I tried to explain it to them."

That is the last thing Kardan remembers. He woke up in his apartment with no memory of the attack or how he got home. When his roommates returned, they immediately took

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Skateboarding Banned On Campus, Students React

By AMANDA THOMAS
Staff Writer

Students with skateboards might want to bring them home to reduce clutter in their rooms. Signs put up over fall break announce the prohibition of skateboarding on campus.

The decision to put up signs was made by Bernard Chirico, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, after two accidents involving injury or damage were reported to him in the beginning of the year. According to Chirico, the decision to prohibit skateboarding is not new.

"It has been formally prohibited for at least four years on campus," said Chirico, citing the 1999-2000 Student Handbook.

J.C. Snipes, chief of campus police, said Chirico informed the police to enforce a no skateboarding policy on campus.

According to Chirico, campus police have always enforced the policy when they observed someone

skateboarding. He said he was simply reminding them to be sure to enforce the regulation that was already in place in order to help ensure the safety of the community and preserve and protect college property.

"Damage and potential for harm

had been ongoing and a topic of discussion prior to 1999," Chirico said. "As is the case with most decisions made at small institutions, the President is the final authority. However, I made the recommendation."



Senior Michael Sheppard does not agree with the skateboard policy.

Snipes said the reason for the signs is to reinforce the rule for those who are not students here.

"This is mostly for the high school kids who are not affiliated with the college, who may cause damage to the property," Snipes said.

According to John Wiltenmuth, assistant vice president of Facilities Services, damage to the bricks, railings and benches all over campus has been an ongoing problem. For examples of such damage, Wiltenmuth mentioned the flowerbeds in the vicinity of Lee Hall that have been extensively chipped and broken.

"Benches, steps, hand rails and precast stone, such as at the James Farmer Memorial and the Phi Beta Kappa Key, also have been damaged," Wiltenmuth said. "The cost of replacement for these items would be many thousands of dollars based on the original cost of construction. An exact cost could not be determined without bidding the work to contractors."

According to Chirico, since the Student

Handbook states that skateboards are not allowed on campus, this is not a new policy that students must be familiar with.

"It is noted in the Student Handbook and it's the student's responsibility to know what's in the Handbook," he said.

The suggested locations of the signs included: the entrances at Double Drive, Campus Drive, Goolrick Drive and the Chandler lot, the entrance to George Washington Circle and campus walk at the entrance to the Simpson Library arcade. Wiltenmuth said a few locations might have been modified during staff discussions that he did not participate in.

The most noticeable of the signs include the two on both ends of campus walk, one across from George Washington Hall and the other by Simpson Library.

However, junior Roxanne Paris doesn't believe these will do anything. "I think the five inch by five inch signs

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5 Day Forecast

TODAY
Partly Cloudy/Wind
High: 56
Low: 28

FRIDAY
Sunny
High: 52
Low: 31

SATURDAY
Sunny
High: 57
Low: 35

SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 61
Low: 36

MONDAY
Scattered T-storms
High: 63
Low: 47

Verbatim ...

"It's what me and my friends do for fun, but [the league] gives it more meaning than just being a bunch of alcoholics."

-Brian Bradley, senior, page 4



Police Beat

By ADINA YOUNG
Staff Writer



Oct. 26—At 1:43 a.m., a 20-year-old female resident of the MWC Apartments was found unconscious due to alcohol, campus police said. When the rescue squad arrived, she was upset and did not want to go to the hospital. She started fighting with the officer who then had to subdue her. She finally agreed and was transported to Mary Washington Hospital and later referred to the administration.

Oct. 30—At 3:31 p.m., a 21-year-old female student of Westmoreland Hall reported she received prank calls everyday for the past three weeks, campus police said. The person who called her room hung up the phone when she answered. The student was advised to use the *57 feature on the phone the next time the prank call occurs and to let the police know where the calls were coming from. The student has not contacted the police again and the case is still under investigation.

Nov. 8—At 12:26 a.m., Fredericksburg Police Department requested the assistance of campus police to break up a party at 1617 Stafford Avenue. The police found six underage female students drinking, campus police said. Two of the females were 18 years old, three were 19 years old and one was 20

years old. The Residence Life assistant director was notified and the six students were referred to the administration.

Nov. 9—At 4:09 a.m., two female students of Virginia Hall reported that another Virginia Hall resident, who was intoxicated, assaulted them. When campus police arrived on the scene the student accused of assault was not available to speak with. The two female students were transported to the magistrate's office to try to press charges on the assaulter, campus police said. The magistrate discovered that the two girls had also been drinking and denied them the assault warrant. The assaulter, however, has been referred to the administration.

Nov. 10—At 7 p.m., a male student reported that his wallet, holding six dollars, was stolen from Goolrick Hall while he was working out. The student wrapped his wallet in his sweatpants and put them in the locker, campus police said. Later that day, a desk aid in Goolrick Hall turned in the wallet to the police station, without the cash. The police would like to speak with this person about exactly how they acquired the wallet. The case is under investigation.

BMW Thief At Large

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campus?"

According to Snipes, the case was turned over to Lt. David Cooper, who did a follow-up investigation and contacted Sturm on Nov. 10. The theft was also entered into the state computer the day Sturm reported it, and into the Virginia Criminal Information Network, a national database of stolen vehicles.

Snipes also said the police will try to track down the thief by looking at the records from Sturm's stolen cell phone. Sturm said he already tried calling his phone, which went straight to his voice mail. He has since suspended service and purchased a new phone.

Sturm said he is not optimistic about the recovery of his car.

"There are statistics and let's just say they don't lean in my favor," he said.

Snipes, who has worked on about a dozen stolen vehicle cases, said he is still optimistic that Sturm's car will be spotted or recovered despite the time that has gone by.

"I've never worked a stolen vehicle case that didn't have a recovery," he said. "In usually about half the cases someone is arrested."

Snipes said there have been five reports, including Sturm's, of stolen vehicles at Mary Washington College in the last 10 years. Of those, all but Sturm's car have been recovered. In two of the cases, the suspects were caught and charged.

According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports, motor vehicle thefts are on the rise nationally. Thefts rose 0.7 percent in 2000 and 5.7 percent in 2001.

According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, motor vehicle thefts in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area were up to 33,147 in 2002 from 29,556 in 2001.

Sturm, a history and business major, said he

was surprised the theft of his car occurred on campus, but felt that it could happen anywhere.

"I'm upset but I can't really see how it could have been prevented, short of me locking my door," he said.

Sturm, who still does not have a replacement key to his residence hall but plans to start locking his room as soon as he gets one. He now keeps his laptop locked up and makes sure anything important is out of sight.

Senior Shalini Henry's car was broken into two years ago while it was parked at the Battleground. She said campus security holds part of the blame for her car's vandalism and for the recent theft.

"I think security at this school is definitely not doing as good a job as should be expected," Henry said.

"There should be some advanced measures taken to keep our cars protected, such as cameras at the parking lots."

Snipes said cameras are a great idea and said the University of Virginia has reported a lot of success with them.

"I'm all for it," he said. "It's a matter of cost. The budget's been tight for a couple of years."

Snipes also noted the campus police take security measures on a regular basis, such as random patrolling around the clock, motion-sensored lights and special landscape design.

During a rash of car break-ins and CD larcenies at the Sunken lots in 2002, Snipes said the officers took extra measures by dressing in plain clothes and driving unmarked vehicles.

Despite measures taken by the police, Sturm said he does not think his car will be recovered.

He plans to purchase another car with the insurance money.

If anyone has any information about this theft, call campus police at 540/654-1025.



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More Name Changes

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believe that Washington & Monroe University would be true to the traditions of the institution and the region, yet sufficiently robust to encompass future development."

Rick Hurley, chief financial officer and executive vice president for the college, agreed though he is not able to attend the meeting.

"If I were at the meeting, I'd vote Washington and Monroe [University] to protect the name," he said. "I'd rather have it stay Mary Washington College than Mary Washington University. Our marketability is Mary Washington College."

Polling data from alumni also indicates that Mary Washington University is preferred. Of the 755 alumni who took the survey, sixty-six percent said they want Mary Washington University as the new name.

The faculty senate overwhelmingly voted for Mary Washington University at a meeting earlier this year.

In response to the controversial upcoming votes, students and faculty have organized a "Save the Name" rally at 4 p.m. on Nov. 24.

Senior Amy Prible, a member of the "Save the Name" rally steering committee said she wants the rally to be a success.

"I hope that we prove to the administration that we're willing to take a stand," she said. "This is too big an issue to keep quiet on."

Those in support of Mary Washington University will meet in front of George Washington Hall donned in Save the Name T-shirts and carrying signs sporting the same battle cry, Prible said.

They will then march to the Woodard Campus Center, where the BOV is scheduled to meet.

The rally will feature speeches from distinguished alumni, Faculty Senate President Ernest Ackerman and Bill Beck, mayor of Fredericksburg.

Much of the committee has not decided on a name yet, according to an informal poll by a Bulletin reporter.

J. William Poole, a member of the Board of Visitors and a voting member of the Image and University Name Committee said, "Not having attended [the college] but having lived in the community for over 40 years, I appreciate the strong feelings they have on both sides."

He added he has not reached any conclusion yet, but has tried to keep an open mind.

Mary Randolph Corbin, the executive assistant to the President of the college and Brenda Vogel, professor at the James Monroe Center, were

carder. Hudgins, chair of the History and American Studies department and Larry Penwell, professor of Business Administration did not return phone calls. Mehford also did not return several phone calls.

Student Suffers Serious Injuries

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him to the hospital.

According to campus police chief J.C. Snipes, campus police were notified of the incident around 2 a.m. on Nov. 1. Because the incident occurred off campus, it was referred to the Fredericksburg Police Department.

According to the Fredericksburg Police Department, the case is still open and under investigation as a robbery. There have been no further developments or suspects identified.

This is not the first time an incident like this has occurred near the Mary Washington College campus, campus police said.

In the fall of 2002, sophomore Daniel Knorr was walking back from a party along Canal Street when he was approached by two white males who accused him of talking to one of the men's girlfriends.

Knorr continued to walk away from the men and one of them hit him in the back of the head, knocking him into the street. The man proceeded to kick him in the stomach and then told him to "bite the curb." Knorr did not lose consciousness and was able to retaliate.

"I jumped to my feet and kicked one of them in the crotch," he said. "Then I punched the other one in the nose, and when he dropped to his knees I kned him in the face."

Caught up in the confusion of the attack, Knorr hesitated momentarily giving the first man an opportunity to jump on his back. Somehow, Knorr broke free and ran to a nearby house where he contacted the police and got a ride back to campus from a friend.

"I was lucky that I didn't sustain any serious injuries," Knorr said. "My right ear was bleeding a little bit, and my jaw was pretty swollen, but nothing serious. I did lose my favorite hat though."

Knorr filed a report with the Fredericksburg Police, but was unable to give a very accurate description of the two attackers.

Another event occurred in October of 2001, much closer to the college campus.

Mike, a current senior who requested that his last name be withheld, was returning from parking his car at the Battlegrounds.

A sophomore at the time, he was walking alone down College Avenue when he noticed an extended cab pickup truck pull into the Mary Heights parking area. He heard the door open and when he looked he noticed that the truck held about five people.

According to Mike, one of the men began to follow him and addressed him.

"He said to me, 'Hey man, do you know what time it is?' Hey man, why don't you wait up a minute."

When Mike looked back over his shoulder, he saw the man reach into his pocket and pull something out.

"It could have been a knife, it could have been brass knuckles, it could have been anything," he said. "I realized that this guy was not trying to talk. There was a point when he took off chasing me and I just took off, booked it across William Street and told the police."

Like Kardan and Knorr, Mike did not get a good look at his attacker. The only description Mike could provide was that his assailant was a white male. Because he could not identify the individual, the police did not pursue the case.

The FBI Uniform Crime Report indicates that the city of Fredericksburg had 47 cases of robbery and 89 cases of aggravated assault in 2002.

However, according to the Fredericksburg Police Department, the number of related cases in the area surrounding the college is very small.

The exact number of related cases filed by Mary Washington College students is not known, but Snipes estimates that there have not been more than five attacks in the past year and a half.

While Snipes urges students to exercise caution at all times, he does not recommend carrying self-defense items like mace.

"I personally don't recommend the use of a chemical deterrent by someone who hasn't been specifically trained in the use of it," he said. "There are issues of liability, and also in many instances the person using pepper spray ends up having it used on them."

Snipes also recommends calling the campus police for a ride if a situation seems unsafe. This option is only available to areas on campus grounds, but includes the Sunken Road parking lot as well as the Battlegrounds.

Despite this safety feature, Mike is still wary of the threats off campus.

"[The incident] has impacted my sense of security a little bit," he said. "My advice is just to practice situational awareness, don't walk alone when you can help it, and be ready to run."

Mike also recommends carrying a small flashlight at night. It can be used from a distance to blind an attacker momentarily and provide a window of escape.

Despite his attack, Kardan returned to class on Monday and still feels safe on campus.

"I think things are safe," he said. "Campus police do a good job keeping the campus safe."

The experience has brought Kardan closer to his group of friends and made him aware of the sense of community on this campus.

"It meant a lot to me that so many of my friends waited around in the ER until 7 a.m. in their Halloween costumes," he said. "When I returned to campus, I was amazed at how many people had heard about what had happened to me and were genuinely concerned about my well-being."

To report information about this incident, call the Fredericksburg Police Department at 540/372-1122.

No More Skateboarding

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are useless," she said. "People will still skateboard if they want to."

Sophomore Paul Chin is one of many students who use a skateboard as a way to get around campus.

"Skateboarding is everything in my life. I use it to go to class," he said. "I use it for fun and anything else it may be handy for. I try and keep it with me all the time."

Chin feels that because he is a paying student, he still has the right to use his skateboard on campus.

"I would like to think that the school is putting these signs up to guard themselves," he said. "Just in case some idiot hurts himself or some of the kids in town want to come here and skate the nice ledge in front of Chandler."

He believes the use of a skateboard is equivalent to riding a bike.

"I feel that I'm not abusing it while I'm on campus," Chin said. "I'm using it like other people would use a bike."

Junior Clint Christopher agrees.

"There is no reason why people should not be able to skateboard on campus," he said. "People should be allowed to go down campus on their boards and the reason they can't is because some old, stuffy people don't like the 'image' that it pervades."

On the other hand, when sophomore Alison Furr lived on the first floor of Virginia Hall last year, she recalled hearing a lot of the late night skateboarders. She also remembered "seeing people doing tricks on the stairs at Trinkle [Hall] while everyone is in there studying."

Sophomore Ashley Matthews said, "There are always people skateboarding outside of my dorm in the wee hours of the morning and I have been close to being a skateboarding casualty more than once before."

However, Matthews said she enjoyed watching the skateboarders doing tricks.

"While I understand the reasoning behind

banning skateboarding on campus, I still feel

that it is a bad decision," she said. "It's a fun activity that seems to be the livelihood of more than a few members of our community. The small inconveniences that I have experienced don't compare to the enjoyment that others get from skateboarding. I was disappointed when I first saw the signs prohibiting it. I've actually come to enjoy observing people try complicated maneuvers on my way to class."

Most students said they don't mind skateboards.

"I don't see anything wrong with it, as long as there aren't a lot of people around or they are going at a reasonable speed," said junior Anneke Hancock. But if it's crowded, then people shouldn't skateboard. Most of the time it doesn't bother me, but today, I felt like I was going to get run over by this guy on a skateboard. There were a lot of people nearby, and he

was going way too fast."

According to Snipes, people who are on campus doing tricks on the railings and stairs are issued a trespassing warning and made to leave college grounds.

However, Snipes said students using skateboards as a means of transportation would receive a verbal warning. After repeated warnings, the student would get an administrative referral. Ultimately, he said, the decision to issue a citation or warning would be left up to the officer's discretion.

Other colleges have acknowledged the safety issues associated with skateboards.

George Mason University's school policy states that bikes and skateboards are not permitted on sidewalks, ramps, stairs, footpaths or grassy areas of the campus or inside university buildings.

At Virginia Tech, no one is allowed to operate a bicycle or skateboard on any campus sidewalk. Their policy also cites the Code of Virginia, saying that skateboards are prohibited on the roadway.

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—Clint Christopher, Junior

Viewpoints

Editorial Squirrels Gone Wild

On any given day, Mary Washington College is swarming with students walking to class, talking in groups by the fountain and reading on benches along campus walk. Yet not one of these scenes is complete without the presence of another fixture in campus life. The squirrel.

According to www.squirrels.org, the squirrel comprises 40 percent of all present day mammal species. It is no wonder that squirrels run rampant on our campus. The squirrels at Mary Washington are in dire need of control.

This is not just because they are so numerous, but also because the Mary Washington squirrels have another advantage going for them.

They are no longer afraid of us.

Most of us can probably describe numerous unpleasant run-ins with these oversized rodents. They run around with no regard to others, often crossing directly in front of unsuspecting students or running directly into them. The squirrels, scheming scavengers that they are, also enjoy sitting quietly on the edge of trashcans and scaring the life out of anyone that walks by. Not to mention how they spring out of the dumpsters with their cheeks stuffed with all manner of filth.

They are even more of a hazard when they are not on the ground. Nothing is more irritating than having a jumbo freak with fur screech and chirp at you from a tree. If the taunting isn't enough, the squirrels also seem to delight in chucking nuts, branches and whatever else they can find onto people's heads. Yeah, they're furry and kind of cute, but no one likes to pull crap out of their hair on their way to class at 9 a.m.

Since squirrels have virtually no predators aside from the motor vehicle and the occasional squirrel hunter, it is up to us as students to reclaim our community. This is not a suggestion for squirrel genocide, but a friendly call to arms. Simply put, we need to scare the shit out of them. This, along with the creation of a Mary Washington Squirrel Hunting Club, will cause the squirrels to keep their distance.

Squirrels of Mary Washington College, beware. The next time you throw something at one of us, we're gonna throw something back at you, and it's gonna be a hell of a lot bigger than one of your nuts.



Dying of malnutrition while wallowing in despair, Freshman Enrique Cancel and Freshman Steven Grillo suffer in silence under what Guest Columnist Matt Clark calls the Stalinist control of the Sodexo Company.

Seacobeck Resurrects Stalin Sodexo Rations Nuggets, Starves Students Into Frenzy

By MATT CLARK
Guest Columnist

Seacobeck just ain't what it used to be. The problem is not a new one, but recently has gotten worse.

One can point the finger to the Mary Wash big-wigs. Last year they decided to

contract of our favorite supplier of grade "D" food products, Sodexo. Sodexo, the owner of Seacobeck and buyer of the Wood Company, upon receiving a fat check, proceeded to eliminate all of its recent improvements. The carving station was replaced with those "lovely" baked

potatoes, and the chicken Caesar section, and many other decent foods were taken away.

Sodexo further tightened its Stalinist grip by disallowing any food but its own to be served at campus events, which are partly intended to

provide students with an alternative to Seaco food. Next came the alleged "nugget fight" incident that caused the cancellation of chicken nuggets, supposedly because they incite students to throw food. I don't think Tyson nuggets packages come with a label warning of possible mood swings.

Also, I have sure as hell seen Brussels sprouts tossed about Seaco, but I have never seen them taken off the menu. Maybe because one platter of them will last the entire night.

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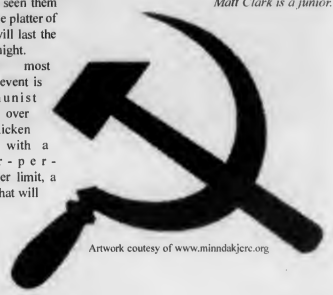
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This all comes down to dollars and cents. Rice, beans, and pasta are cheap, while meat and dairy products are not. So Sodexo

decides to eliminate all the high-cost food items and provide an endless supply of mashed potatoes, white rice, and cooked broccoli bottoms, which are cheap, and incidentally, crap.

I wish Sodexo would realize that we are its clients, and they should try, even in the slightest, to conform to our desires.

Matt Clark is a junior.



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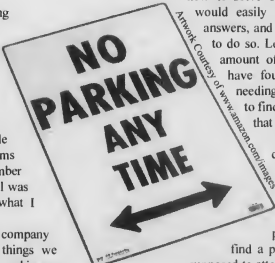
Letters to the Editor

Parking Space Anyone?

Dear Editor:

I am a commuting student who generally arrives on campus more than 30 minutes prior to class time in order to seek out a legal parking space. After reading the article "Parking Problems Persist" in the November 6 issue of The Bulletin, I was greatly appalled by what I read.

The college hired a company to tell them all the things we already know about parking on this campus. Their answer: charge the students more money. \$450 per



year? Is that \$450 dollars paying for the same amount of spaces we currently have?

The thought of the college hiring this company to perform a parking survey really annoys me. If I were to ask my sixth graders how to solve our parking problem, they would easily provide the college with answers, and would not charge \$61,000 to do so. Let's see kids, if we have x amount of parking spaces, and we have four times as many people needing to park, how are we going to find enough parking spaces so that everyone can get to class?

Granted, we are not compelled by law to attend college, but I am sure that most of us are compelled to attend class by our professors. If we cannot find a place to park, how are we supposed to attend class?

The answer, as I am sure my sixth graders would say, is simple: We need more parking

spaces.

With the ever-increasing yearly enrollment, this problem will only continue to get worse. The college has talked about building a parking garage for some time now. It is time to stop talking, and to start building!

Lisa Stirling is a senior.

The Etiquette Of Moshing

This letter was written in response to "Punk for a Day: A Lesson in Moshing" (Sept 11 2003, Bulletin.)

Dear Editor:

I am a student at Longwood University, who recently obtained a copy of your September 11th, 2003 edition. I was shocked and dismayed to find that an article "Punk For A Day: A Lesson In Moshing" was allowed to be published when it grossly misrepresents the activity and the

subculture surrounding it.

The author described the mosh pit as "a long narrow floor area" that "allowed little room for movement due to the railings surrounding it on all sides like some sort of animal pen." This is NOT a mosh pit; it is the floor area. Neither is jumping up and down, while thrusting a fist into the air; that would be pogo-dancing.

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Police Beat

By ADINA YOUNG
Staff Writer



Oct. 26—At 1:43 a.m., a 20-year-old female resident of the MWC Apartments was found unconscious due to alcohol, campus police said. When the rescue squad arrived, she was upset and did not want to go to the hospital. She started fighting with the officer who then had to subdue her. She finally agreed and was transported to Mary Washington Hospital and later referred to the administration.

Oct. 30—At 3:31 p.m., a 21-year-old female student of Westmoreland Hall reported she received prank calls everyday for the past three weeks, campus police said. The person who called her room hung up the phone when she answered. The student was advised to use the *57 feature on the phone the next time the prank call occurs and to let the police know where the calls were coming from. The student has not contacted the police again and the case is still under investigation.

Nov. 8—At 12:26 a.m., Fredericksburg Police Department requested the assistance of campus police to break up a party at 1617 Stafford Avenue. The police found six underage female students drinking, campus police said. Two of the females were 18 years old, three were 19 years old and one was 20

years old. The Residence Life assistant director was notified and the six students were referred to the administration.

Nov. 9—At 4:09 a.m., two female students of Virginia Hall reported that another Virginia Hall resident, who was intoxicated, assaulted them. When campus police arrived on the scene the student accused of assault was not available to speak with. The two female students were transported to the magistrate's office to try to press charges on the assaulter, campus police said. The magistrate discovered that the two girls had also been drinking and denied them the assault warrant. The assaulter, however, has been referred to the administration.

Nov. 10—At 7 p.m., a male student reported that his wallet, holding six dollars, was stolen from Goolrick Hall while he was working out. The student wrapped his wallet in his sweatpants and put them in the locker, campus police said. Later that day, a desk aid in Goolrick Hall turned in the wallet to the police station, without the cash. The police would like to speak with this person about exactly how they acquired the wallet. The case is under investigation.

Student Suffers Serious Injuries

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him to the hospital.

According to campus police chief J.C. Snipes, campus police were notified of the incident around 2 a.m. on Nov. 1. Because the incident occurred off campus, it was referred to the Fredericksburg Police Department.

According to the Fredericksburg Police Department, the case is still open and under investigation as a robbery. There have been no further developments or suspects identified.

This is not the first time an incident like this has occurred near the Mary Washington College campus, campus police said.

In the fall of 2002, sophomore Daniel Knorr was walking back from a party along Canal Street when he was approached by two white males who accused him of talking to one of the men's girlfriends.

Knorr continued to walk away from the men and one of them hit him in the back of the head, knocking him into the street. The man proceeded to kick him in the stomach and then told him to "bite the curb." Knorr did not lose consciousness and was able to retaliate.

"I jumped to my feet and kicked one of them in the crotch," he said. "Then I punched the one in the nose, and when he dropped to his knees I kned him in the face."

Caught up in the confusion of the attack, Knorr hesitated momentarily giving the first man an opportunity to jump on his back. Somehow, Knorr broke free and ran to a nearby house where he contacted the police and got a ride back to campus from a friend.

"I was lucky that I didn't sustain any serious injuries," Knorr said. "My right ear was bleeding a little bit, and my jaw was pretty swollen, but nothing serious. I did lose my favorite hat though."

Knorr filed a report with the Fredericksburg Police, but was unable to give a very accurate description of the two attackers.

Another event occurred in October of 2001, much closer to the college campus.

Mike, a current senior who requested that his last name be withheld, was returning from parking his car at the Battlegrounds.

A sophomore at the time, he was walking alone down College Avenue when he noticed an extended cab pickup truck pull into the Mary Heights parking area. He heard the door open and when he looked he noticed that the truck held about five people.

According to Mike, one of the men began to follow him and addressed him.

"He said to me, 'Hey man, do you know what time it is? Hey man, why don't you wait up a minute.'"

When Mike looked back over his shoulder, he saw the man reach into his pocket and pull something out.

"It could have been a knife, it could have been brass knuckles, it could have been anything," he said. "I realized that this guy was not trying to talk. There was a point when he took off chasing me and I just took off, booked it across William Street and told the police."

Like Kardan and Knorr, Mike did not get a good look at his attacker. The only description Mike could provide was that his assailant was a white male. Because he could not identify the individual, the police did not pursue the case.

The FBI Uniform Crime Report indicates that the city of Fredericksburg had 47 cases of robbery and 89 cases of aggravated assault in 2002.

However, according to the Fredericksburg Police Department, the number of related cases in the area surrounding the college is very small.

The exact number of related cases filed by Mary Washington College students is not known, but Snipes estimates that there have not been more than five attacks in the past year and a half.

While Snipes urges students to exercise caution at all times, he does not recommend carrying self-defense items like mace.

"I personally don't recommend the use of a chemical deterrent by someone who hasn't been specifically trained in the use of it," he said. "There are issues of liability, and also in many instances the person using pepper spray ends up having it used on them."

Snipes also recommends calling the campus police for a ride if a situation seems unsafe. This option is only available to areas on campus grounds, but includes the Sunken Road parking lot as well as the Battlegrounds.

Despite this safety feature, Mike is still wary of the threats off campus.

"[The incident] has impacted my sense of security a little bit," he said. "My advice is just to practice situational awareness, don't walk alone when you can help it, and be ready to run."

Mike also recommends carrying a small flashlight at night. It can be used from a distance to blind an attacker momentarily and provide a window of escape.

Despite his attack, Kardan returned to class on Monday and still feels safe on campus.

"I think things are safe," he said. "Campus police do a good job keeping the campus safe."

The experience has brought Kardan closer to his group of friends and made him aware of the sense of community on this campus.

"I meant a lot to me that so many of my friends walked around in the FR until 7 a.m. in their Halloween costumes," he said. "When I returned to campus, I was amazed at how many people had heard about what had happened to me and were genuinely concerned about my well-being."

To report information about this incident, call the Fredericksburg Police Department at 540/372-1122.

BMW Thief At Large

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campus?"

According to Snipes, the case was turned over to Lt. David Cooper, who did a follow-up investigation and contacted Sturm on Nov. 10. The theft was also entered into the state computer the day Sturm reported it, and into the Virginia Criminal Information Network, a national database of stolen vehicles.

Snipes also said the police will try to track down the thief by looking at the records from Sturm's stolen cell phone. Sturm said he already tried calling his phone, which went straight to his voice mail. He has since suspended service and purchased a new phone.

Sturm said he is not optimistic about the recovery of his car.

"There are statistics and let's just say they don't lean in my favor," he said.

Snipes, who has worked on about a dozen stolen vehicle cases, said he is still optimistic that Sturm's car will be spotted or recovered despite the time that has gone by.

"I've never worked a stolen vehicle case that didn't have a recovery," he said. "In usually about half the cases someone is arrested."

Snipes said there have been five reports, including Sturm's, of stolen vehicles at Mary Washington College in the last 10 years. Of those, all but Sturm's car have been recovered. In two of the cases, the suspects were caught and charged.

According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports, motor vehicle thefts are on the rise nationally. Thefts rose 0.7 percent in 2000 and 5.7 percent in 2001.

According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, motor vehicle thefts in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area were up to 33,147 in 2002 from 29,556 in 2001.

Sturm, a history and business major, said he

was surprised the theft of his car occurred on campus, but felt that it could happen anywhere.

"I'm upset but I can't really see how it could have been prevented, short of me locking my door," he said.

Sturm, who still does not have a replacement key to his residence hall but plans to start locking his room as soon as he gets one. He now keeps his laptop locked up and makes sure anything important is out of sight.

Senior Shalini Henry's car was broken into two years ago while it was parked at the

Battleground. She said campus security holds part of the blame for her car's vandalism and for the recent theft.

"I think security at this school is definitely not doing as good a job as should be expected," Henry said.

"There should be some advanced measures taken to keep our cars protected, such as cameras at the parking lots."

Snipes said cameras are a great idea and said the University of Virginia has reported a lot of success with them.

"I'm all for it," he said. "It's a matter of cost. The budget's been tight for a couple of years."

Snipes also noted the campus police take security measures on a regular basis, such as random patrolling around the clock, motion-censored lights and special landscape design.

During a rash of car break-ins and CD larcenies at the Sunken lots in 2002, Snipes said the officers took extra measures by dressing in plain clothes and driving unmarked vehicles.

Despite measures taken by the police, Sturm said he does not think his car will be recovered.

He plans to purchase another car with the insurance money.

If anyone has any information about this theft, call campus police at 540/654-1025.



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No More Skateboarding

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are useless," she said. "People will still skateboard if they want to."

Sophomore Paul Chin is one of many students who use a skateboard as a way to get around campus.

"Skateboarding is everything in my life. I use it to go to class," he said. "I use it for fun and anything else it may be handy for. I try and keep it with me all the time."

Chin feels that because he is a paying student, he still has the right to use his skateboard on campus.

"I would like to think that the school is putting these signs up to guard themselves," he said. "Just in case some idiot hurts himself or some of the kids in town want to come here and skate the nice ledge in front of Chandler."

He believes the use of a skateboard is equivalent to riding a bike.

"I feel that I'm not abusing it while I'm on campus," Chin said. "I'm using it like other people would use a bike."

Junior Clint Christopher agrees. "There is no reason why people should not be able to skateboard on campus," he said. "People should be allowed to go down campus on their boards and the reason they can't is because some old, stuffy people don't like the 'image' that it pervades."

On the other hand, when sophomore Alison Furr lived on the first floor of Virginia Hall last year, she recalled hearing a lot of the late night skateboarders. She also remembered "seeing people doing tricks on the stairs at Trinkle [Hall] while everyone is in there studying."

Sophomore Ashley Matthews said, "There are always people skateboarding outside of my dorm in the wee hours of the morning and I've been close to being a skateboarding casualty more than once before."

However, Matthews said she enjoyed watching the skateboarders doing tricks.

"While I understand the reasoning behind

banning skateboarding on campus, I still feel

that it is a bad decision," she said. "It's a fun activity that seems to be the livelihood of more than a few members of our community. The small inconveniences that I have experienced don't compare to the enjoyment that others get from skateboarding. I was disappointed when I first saw the signs prohibiting it. I've actually come to enjoy observing people try complicated maneuvers on my way to class."

Most students said they don't mind skateboards.

"I don't see anything wrong with it, as long as there aren't a lot of people around or they are going at a reasonable speed," said junior Anneke Hancock.

But if it's crowded, then people shouldn't skateboard. Most of the time it doesn't bother me, but today, I felt like I was going to get run over by this guy on a skateboard.

There were a lot of people nearby, and he

was going way too fast."

According to Snipes, people who are on campus doing tricks on the railings and stairs are issued a trespassing warning and made to leave college grounds.

However, Snipes said students using skateboards as a means of transportation would receive a verbal warning. After repeated warnings, the student would get an administrative referral. Ultimately, he said, the decision to issue a citation or warning would be left up to the officer's discretion.

George Mason University's school policy states that bikes and skateboards are not permitted on sidewalks, ramps, stairs, footpaths or grassy areas of the campus or inside university buildings.

At Virginia Tech, no one is allowed to operate a bicycle or skateboard on any campus sidewalk. Their policy also cites the Code of Virginia, saying that skateboards are prohibited on the roadway.

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More Name Changes

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believe that Washington & Monroe University would be true to the traditions of the institution and the region, yet sufficiently robust to encompass future development."

Rick Hurley, chief financial officer and executive vice president for the college, agreed though he is not able to attend the meeting.

"I'll be at the meeting, I'd vote Washington and Monroe [University] to protect the name," he said. "I'd rather have it stay Mary Washington College than Mary Washington University. Our marketability is Mary Washington College."

Polling data from alumni also indicates that Mary Washington University is preferred. Of the 755 alumni who took the survey, sixty-six percent said they want Mary Washington University as the new name.

The faculty senate overwhelmingly voted for Mary Washington University at a meeting earlier this year.

In response to the controversial upcoming votes, students and faculty have organized a "Save the Name" rally at 4 p.m. on Nov. 25.

Senior Amy Prible, a member of the "Save the Name" rally steering committee said she wants the rally to be a success.

"I hope that we prove to the administration that we're willing to take a stand," she said. "This is too big an issue to keep quiet."

Those in support of Mary Washington University will meet in front of George Washington Hall donned in Save the Name T-shirts and carrying signs sporting the same battle cry, Prible said.

They will then march to the Woodard Campus Center where the BOV is scheduled to meet.

The rally will feature speeches from distinguished alumni, Faculty Senate President Ernest Ackerman and Bill Beck, mayor of Fredericksburg.

Much of the committee has not decided on a name yet, according to an informal poll by a Bulletin reporter.

J. William Poole, a member of the Board of Visitors and a voting member of the Image and University Name Committee said, "Not having attended [the college] but having lived in the community for over 40 years, I appreciate the strong feelings they have on both sides."

He added he has not reached any conclusion yet, but has tried to keep an open mind.

Mary Randolph Corbin, the executive assistant to the President of the college and Brenda Vogel, a professor at the James Monroe Center, were undecided.

Carter Hudgins, chair of the History and American Studies department and Larry Penwell, professor of Business Administration did not return phone calls. Mehford also did not return several phone calls.

Viewpoints

Editorial Squirrels Gone Wild

On any given day, Mary Washington College is swarming with students walking to class, talking in groups by the fountain and reading on benches along campus walk. Yet not one of these scenes is complete without the presence of another fixture in campus life. The squirrel.

According to www.squirrels.org, the squirrel comprises 40 percent of all present day mammal species. It is no wonder that squirrels run rampant on our campus. The squirrels at Mary Washington are in dire need of control.

This is not just because they are so numerous, but also because the Mary Washington squirrels have another advantage going for them.

They are no longer afraid of us.

Most of us can probably describe numerous unpleasant run-ins with these oversized rodents. They run around with no regard to others, often crossing directly in front of unsuspecting students or running directly into them. The squirrels, scheming scavengers that they are, also enjoy sitting quietly on the edge of trashcans and searing the life out of anyone that walks by. Not to mention how they spring out of the dumpsters with their cheeks stuffed with all manner of filth.

They are even more of a hazard when they are not on the ground. Nothing is more irritating than having a jumbo freak with fur sereech and chirp at you from a tree. If the taunting isn't enough, the squirrels also seem to delight in chucking nuts, branches and whatever else they can find onto people's heads. Yeah, they're furry and kind of cute, but no one likes to pull crap out of their hair on their way to class at 9 a.m.

Since squirrels have virtually no predators aside from the motor vehicle and the occasional squirrel hunter, it is up to us as students to reclaim our community. This is not a suggestion for squirrel genocide, but a friendly call to arms. Simply put, we need to scare the shit out of them. This, along with the creation of a Mary Washington Squirrel Hunting Club, will cause the squirrels to keep their distance.

Squirrels of Mary Washington College, beware. The next time you throw something at one of us, we're gonna throw something back at you, and it's gonna be a hell of a lot bigger than one of your nuts.



Dying of malnutrition while wallowing in despair. Freshman Enrique Cancel and Freshman Steven Grillo suffer in silence under what Guest Columnist Matt Clark calls the Stalinist control of the Sodexho Company.

Seacobeck Resurrects Stalin Sodexho Rations Nuggets, Starves Students Into Frenzy

By **MATT CLARK**
Guest Columnist

Seaacobeck just ain't what it used to be. The problem is not a new one, but recently has gotten worse. One can point the finger to the Mary Wash big-wigs. Last year they decided to

renew the contract of our favorite supplier of grade "D" food products, Sodexho. Sodexho, the owner of Seacobeck and buyer of the Wood Company, upon receiving a fat check, proceeded to eliminate all of its recent improvements. The earving station was replaced with those "lovely" baked potatoes, and the chicken Caesar section, and many other deent foods were taken away.

Sodexho further tightened its Stalinist grip by disallowing any food but its own to be served at campus events, which are partly intended to

provide students with an alternative to Seaco food. Next came the alleged "nugget fight" incident that caused the cancellation of chicken nuggets, supposedly because they incite students to throw food. I don't think Tyson nuggets packages come with a label warning of possible mood swings.

Also, I have sure as hell seen Brussels sprouts tossed about Seaco, but I have never seen them taken off the menu. Maybe because one platter of them will last the entire night.

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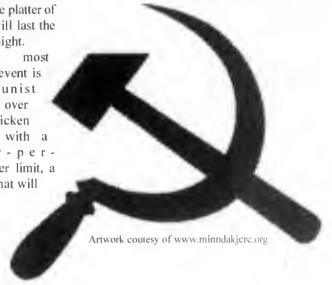
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This all comes down to dollars and cents. Rice, beans, and pasta are cheap, while meat and dairy products are not. So Sodexho

decides to eliminate all the high-cost food items and provide an endless supply of mashed potatoes, white rice, and cooked broccoli bottoms, which are cheap, and incidentally, crap.

I wish Sodexho would realize that we are its clients, and they should try, even in the slightest, to conform to our desires.

Matt Clark is a junior.



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Letters to the Editor

Parking Space Anyone?

Dear Editor:

I am a commuting student who generally arrives on campus more than 30 minutes prior to class time in order to seek out a legal parking space. After reading the article "Parking Problems Persist" in the November 6 issue of The Bullet, I was greatly appalled by what I read.

The college hired a company to tell them all the things we already know about parking on this campus. Their answer: charge the students more money. \$450 per

year? Is that \$450 dollars paying for the same amount of spaces we currently have?

The thought of the college hiring this company to perform a parking survey really annoys me. If I were to ask my sixth graders how to solve our parking problem, they would easily provide the college with answers, and would not charge \$61,000 to do so. Let's see kids, if we have x amount of parking spaces, and we have four times as many people needing to park, how are we going to find enough parking spaces so that everyone can get to class?

Granted, we are not compelled by law to attend college, but I am sure that most of us are compelled to attend class by our professors. If we cannot find a place to park, how are we supposed to attend class?

The answer, as I am sure my sixth graders would say, is simple: We need more parking

spaces.

With the ever-increasing yearly enrollment, this problem will only continue to get worse. The college has talked about building a parking garage for some time now. It is time to stop talking, and to start building!

Lisa Sturling is a senior.

The Etiquette Of Moshing

This letter was written in response to "Punk for a Day: A Lesson in Moshing" (Sept 11 2003, Bullet.)

Dear Editor:

I am a student at Longwood University, who recently obtained a copy of your September 11th, 2003 edition. I was shocked and dismayed to find that an article "Punk For A Day: A Lesson In Moshing" was allowed to be published when it grossly misrepresents the activity and the

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Features

Beer Pong Makes It BIG!

College students everywhere drink their way to distinction, drunkenness

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The Game

On college campuses across America, drinking beer is not just a social pastime, it's a spectator sport.

Beer pong, or Beirut, began on some college campus somewhere and has grown to become one of the most popular party activities.

So popular, in fact, that Mary Washington College students have taken the game beyond the party scene and turned it into competitive events.

Effects of the growing popularity of the game are not only seen on campuses like Mary Washington, but all over TV as well. Reality shows like MTV's *The Real World* and *Fraternity Life* feature people playing beer pong on a weekly basis.

But what makes this game more than just a game?

"There's more skill involved than a [card] game like 'Kings,'" said Mary Washington junior Adam Suleske. "It's less dependant on luck so there's a challenge behind it. It's the challenge that makes that victory so sweet."

The game itself is simple, team members throw ping-pong balls into plastic cups filled with beer.



Matt Thomas/Bullet

ball goes in, the other team drinks the cup.

Jason Keith, a junior at Duke University, started what he calls the National Beer Pong League in July of 2001, after a conversation with a friend about whether there were, in fact, beer pong leagues. Right now, his league doesn't host tournaments, but rather serves as a source of information on the game itself.

"For now, I think [the league's] main purpose is to let people show how they play the game around the world," Keith said in an e-mail interview. "I can say world because I have one set of rules from a guy in Australia. These are crucial bits of information in an ever-shrinking world, and they will help people from around the globe gain a better understanding of each other, and more importantly, how each other plays drinking games."

History

Not much is known about the history of the game, but there are theories circulating college communities.

"I think what happened was

some people were playing ping pong and someone left his [beer] cup on the table and the ball landed in the cup," Bradley said.

"Soon they just started aiming for the cups."

In an article from 1997 in *Dartmouth College's*

student newspaper, various Dartmouth alumni were questioned about the beginnings of the game. Alumni dating back to 1954 had recollections of trying to hit ping-pong balls into glasses. A rumor addressed in the article is that the game started with the introduction of disposable plastic cups in fraternity basements in the 1950s.

One rumor described on several websites including www.playbeirut.net, is that the game known as Beirut was started in the early 1980s by the Theta Delta Chi fraternity at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. Beirut is the more common version of the game, where balls are thrown into the cups instead of hit with paddles.

"It was around the time when the U.S. was fighting in Beirut so that's where the name came from I think," said junior Ryan McGonigle, a league member.

Wherever the game originated from, it has spread quickly and easily, passed from generation to generation of college coeds. It has even begun to pop up in the bar scene.

"More and more bars are starting to offer it as a way to draw people in," Keith said. "It makes sense, I mean, it's a fun game, and it's one of the best ways to get people who don't know each other to open up. People like sports, and people like drinking, so it's a perfect combination."

A league of their own?

In addition to playing casually at parties or at bars, several students decided to establish the Men and Women's Competitive Pong League, or so-called MWC League. While the league is not affiliated with Mary Washington College, all of the team members are students at the College. According to senior Brian Bradley,

founder of the league, many members are on sports teams or are otherwise involved on campus and they just wanted a reason to get together for weekly beer pong games.

"We started it for the social aspect," Bradley said. "It's what me and my friends do for fun, but [the league] gives it more meaning than just being a bunch of alcoholics. We're not alcoholics though."

For McGonigle, joining the league was an obvious decision.

"We always hang out and play," he said. "[The league] was just an excuse to go out and be competitive about it."

However for league members, game nights are not just a social event. League commissioners Bradley, Justin Snyder, and Tyler Nations keep scores

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Matt Thomas/Bullet

Senior Brian Bradley throws a ball into beer pong cups during one of the MWC League's weekly games.

Frozen In Time

Carl's Brings Nostalgia, Long Lines to Fredericksburg

Chris Williams
Staff Writer

The time has come again for Carl's Custard, located at 2200 Princess Anne Street, to close its doors for winter. Much to the chagrin of many devoted patrons, Carl's will close on Nov. 23 and will not reopen until Feb. 13 of next year.

Local Carl's enthusiasts often make up the long lines that snake around the corner of the 1950s-style custard stand. The establishment serves a soft ice cream, also known by many as frozen

custard, that Mary Washington College junior Carolyn Myers calls "the best ice cream ever."

"It's some of the best ice cream I have ever had," she said. "Carl's is awesome because it's like a flashback to the 50s. I would expect my boyfriend to take me there so

he could pin me."

Opened in 1947, when a cone cost 10 cents, Carl's has been delighting Fredericksburg residents for over 50 years. Today the price has gone up to \$1.15 for a chocolate, vanilla or strawberry cone. Sundaes are also available for \$2.02. To custard lovers' delight, Carl's is open daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., 11:30 p.m. on weekends.

The neon signs reading "Carl's" and "Sundaes Shakes Malts" as well as the large 1940s Electro-Freeze Ice Cream machines take many people back in time.

A 61-year-old patron of Carl's, John Williams of Hales Corners, Wisconsin, said Carl's reminds him of his childhood.

"It reminds me of when I was a kid growing up in Westchester County, New York," he said. "There were tons of freestanding Carl's with neon glowing signs. Now I live in Wisconsin, which is known to have the world's best frozen custard, and Carl's is right up there with them."

Many agree with Williams that Carl's is one of the best ice cream parlors around. *USA Today* ranked it in its "10 Great Places to Get a Scoop" issue. The shop's success is also a testament to its fabulous ice cream.

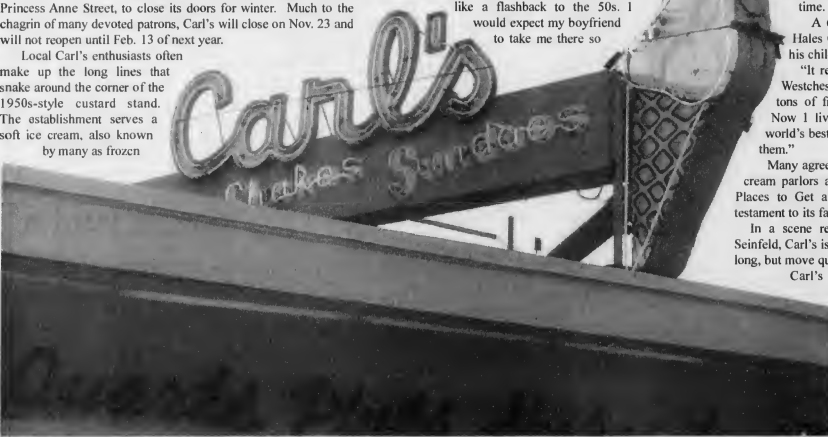
In a scene reminiscent of the "soup nazi" on the sitcom *Seinfeld*, Carl's is run with Germanesque efficiency. The lines are long, but move quickly and even so it is worth the wait.

Carl's attracts customers from all over the Fredericksburg area. The McNulty family from Stafford County said they go every Friday night.

"Our two daughters love it," they said. "We don't know what to do come November."

From a strictly health perspective, visiting Carl's every weekend might not be the best thing for a person. According to an August 10

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Playing with balls, beer

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and meticulous statistics.

"I don't think anybody takes it as seriously as we do," Bradley said.

Winners of the competitions are awarded with engraved mugs and/or shot glasses. According to league member McGonigle, winning is also rewarded with bragging rights.

"My team won the championship last year," McGonigle said. "We got a mug which was cool. We also got to talk trash to all the other teams."

Monday night game nights can bring large crowds out to Bradley's house, where most of the games are played.

"League members bring their friends and their girlfriends to come watch," Bradley said. "On a good night we can get about 50 people."

Even Bradley's neighbor is known to make appearances on game nights.

"Our neighbor is really cool," Bradley said. "He's our biggest fan."

The popularity of competitive beer pong has risen in the year since the league was established.

According to Bradley, the league began with 14 teams in the fall of 2002 and has grown so fast he has been forced to limit the number of teams.

"We had 20 teams last spring and this semester we have 24 teams because I had to cut it off there before we got too many," Bradley said.

The league isn't the only place you can find competitive beer pong among Mary Washington students.

"I remember my freshman year a bunch of guys used to practice their game in the halls of Jefferson," junior Amy Thornton said. "But instead of beer they used water since they were underage. I guess they were really into the competitiveness of it."

According to Suleske, there are tournaments almost every weekend at his friends' house.

"We get three tables going and everybody picks teams and makes up team names," Suleske said. "We try to make it an all day type thing and end up going through lots and lots of beer."

While these games are not played for titles or championships, Suleske said they are still really competitive.

"The games can get very intense with a lot of name-calling and threats of violence," Suleske said. "Of course they're empty threats though. It's really just friendly competition unless you have a crazy drunk guy come over."

The Rules

It is common practice of beer pong players to follow the rules set by the house. Game rules vary, but according to several websites on the subject general consensus is as follows:

1. A rack of six or ten cups are arranged in a pyramid and set up on each end of a standard sized ping-pong table.

2. One player from each team throws a ping-pong ball simultaneously, and the first team to sink a ball in a cup will be the team who begins the game.

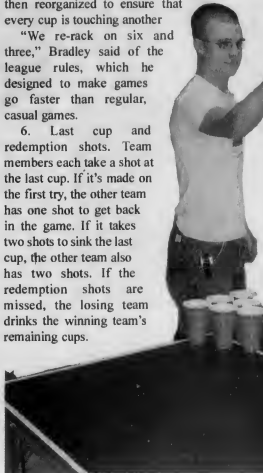
3. Each player from the team then throws a ball. If a ball lands in a cup, the other team must drink the contents of that cup and it is removed from play. If both teammates make a cup, the balls return to them for another turn. If one teammate misses, the play is turned over to the opposing team.

4. Some houses allow players to bounce the ball. If a ball lands in a cup after a bounce, it counts as two cups to be consumed and removed from play. Opposing team members are allowed to block a shot after it has bounced.

5. When a certain number of cups have been removed from play, the cups are then reorganized to ensure that every cup is touching another.

"We re-rack on six and three," Bradley said of the league rules, which he designed to make games go faster than regular, casual games.

6. Last cup and redemption shots. Team members each take a shot at the last cup. If it's made on the first try, the other team has one shot to get back in the game. If it takes two shots to sink the last cup, the other team also has two shots. If the redemption shots are missed, the losing team drinks the winning team's remaining cups.



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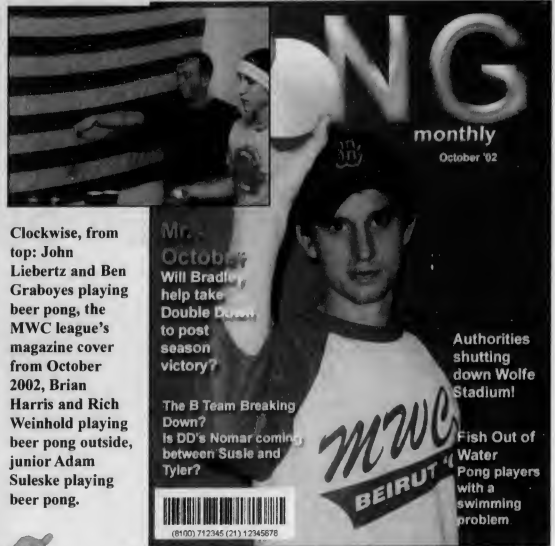


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Carl's To Close for Winter Months

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article in *The Washington Post*, Carl's ice cream is very rich and creamy, due in part to its high butterfat and egg content. The article also states that Virginia law does not consider Carl's to be custard because it does not have enough eggs in it.

Carl's is a spot that is very popular with Mary Washington students. On any given day at least one Mary Washington student is waiting in the long but fast-moving line.

"We roughly see a handful of [college] students each day," said Carl's employee Rachel Both.

Junior Eric Wester said he loves what Carl's has to offer.

"I would wait in line for eons if it would mean that I could have one bite of this delightfully delicious dessert," he said. "It's very good with a nice Zinfandel."

Carl's attracts people from all over the country. During the summer and spring months one can meet people from New York, Florida and even Wisconsin, the dairy capital of the world, standing in line.

Student Carolyn Myers said she discovered Carl's her freshman year.

"All through freshman year I heard about how great the ice cream there was," she said. "I was skeptical. Then my boyfriend took me there at the end of first semester freshman year and I found out how great it really was."

Other students, like sophomore Zack Baber, have had the same type of experience.

"I heard about it freshman year, and then I got some with some friends of mine," he said. "At first I was like 'yeah, whatever' but then I was like 'that's cool.' Now it's like my kryptonite. Damn you Carl!"



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Carl's employee Lyssa Bridges serves the famous ice cream with a smile.

Time Is Running Out!
Carl's will close for winter on Nov. 23 and re-open on Feb. 13.



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Senior Dave Rickey visited Carl's last February despite the blizzard conditions.

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Sports

Glaeser and Hall Obtain 200th Victory

Both Glaeser and Hall have not only grabbed 200 victories, but they have led their teams to great success

By Jessica Goon
Staff Writer

Women's soccer coach Kurt Glaeser, and field hockey coach Dana Hall both reached their 200th career wins this season and earned a bid to the national tournament. On Tuesday, Oct. 21 Hall's team captured Hall's 200th win at York College with a 2-1 win, and on Sunday, Nov. 2 Glaeser's team topped St. Mary's College at Mary Washington to provide him with his 200th career win.

Hall's 200th win was also the team's 12th consecutive win on the season, giving them a national ranking of 7th. Hall's daughter, senior Chrissy Soper, scored the game-winning goal in the Eagles' 2-1 victory over the Spartans.

"I'm just glad the opportunity happened this season with the special group of nine seniors we have," Hall said.

Hall's successful coaching career has given her many accolades including the NCAA division three coach of the year in 1993. Hall is also a three-time Capital Athletic Conference coach of the year in her 14 seasons at Mary Washington.

"The next step is to make it to the final four and win a national championship," Hall said.

Hall is also the head coach of the women's lacrosse team at

Mary Washington where her teams have advanced to the NCAA tournament for the past four seasons. In his 15th season at Mary Washington, Glaeser is one of the most winning division three women's soccer coaches in the country. He ranks in the national top 20 in both victories and winning percentage.

Glaeser's 200th win was in the CAC quarterfinal game. This win led up to the Eagles eventual CAC championship title for 2003, the 10th CAC championship Glaeser has won.

Glaeser has also gained many honors for his successful coaching career. He has been named the CAC coach of the year seven times, in addition to being named the NSCAA South Region and Mid-Atlantic coach of the year.

Glaeser is also the head coach of the men's lacrosse team at Mary Washington where he has been named the CAC coach of the year twice.

The field hockey and women's soccer teams both advanced to the NCAA tournament after their successful seasons. The women's soccer team earned an automatic bid with their CAC title while the field hockey team received an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.



Clockwise from left: Field Hockey team celebrates victory with coach, Women's Soccer Coach Kurt Glaeser, and Field Hockey Coach Dana Hall.



Salisbury Grabs Championship From MWC

By Cara Stout
Staff Writer

This is the second consecutive year in which Salisbury University took the conference championship title from the MWC field hockey team.

In 2002, the Eagles lost to Salisbury University in the last round of the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) tournament with a score of 6-1. Last Saturday, the seventh-ranked MWC field hockey team lost the CAC championship game to the second-ranked Salisbury University team with a score of 3-2.

Since last Saturday, the Eagles have refocused their motivations and are looking toward the future. The team is now practicing intensely for the upcoming NCAA tournament.

"We've been preparing for the national tournament really since our first day of pre-season in August," said senior Andi Sasin. "In the tournament we take each game one at a time, and since each team we play can potentially end our season, we get pretty pumped for everyone we play, regardless of the team."

While Sasin says the focus is on each of their upcoming opponents, the opportunity to again play Salisbury University motivates her and the rest of the team.

"The way the brackets are set up, there's the possibility of us facing Salisbury," Sasin said. "Since they are our conference rival, it would be really satisfying to get to play them."

The Eagles stayed ranked within the top ten Division III field hockey teams in the nation throughout the season, and this contributed to the team receiving a bid into the national tournament.

"This is our third year in a row getting a bid, and

each year we have advanced to the next level," said senior Emily Falvey. "This year we look to go all the way."

Members of the team say that practices are not more difficult because of the NCAA tournament.

"Our practices are not harder or longer," said Falvey. "We try to focus on more specific aspects of our game that we need to improve as we begin to play better teams."

According to Sasin, "Our post-season practices really are no different from our regular season practices. We play with the same intensity."

This year marks coach Dana Hall's fourteenth season with MWC. Within those 14 seasons, Hall is making her seventh appearance at national tournament with the MWC field hockey team.

The team is confident in Hall's coaching and looks forward to the NCAA tournament. "We are sticking to our game plan and it will work," said sophomore and goalkeeper Robyn Lankford. "Our practices are always intense, but you can sense the excitement of everyone for what lies ahead."

The Eagles were national tournament finalists in 1993, and this is the farthest MWC has ever advanced in the field hockey NCAA tournament. In 2002, MWC made it into the "Elite Eight," which means MWC won games in the first two rounds of the tournament.

The first game of the 2003 field hockey NCAA tournament is Nov. 15 against Skidmore College at 2 p.m. The game will take place at the College of New Jersey.



Lindsey Startt anticipating reception from a teammate.



Lisa Canavaugh for Mary Washington College, prepares to shoot.

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NCAA TOURNAMENT
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
5p.m.



Soccer Victory 2-1

By Brian White
Staff Writer

Mary Washington College women's soccer team defeated Cabrini College on Wednesday by a score of two to one, in first round play of the NCAA tournament. The Eagles received an automatic bid into the NCAA's by virtue of winning the Colonial Athletic Championship.

The Eagles dominated the pace of play throughout the game which led to their victory over Cabrini. Mary Washington had 23 shots on goal compared to only 10 for Cabrini.

"I think we came out intense and set the pace for the game," said junior forward Kathryn Amirpashae. "[The offensive pressure] led to quick goals in both halves which was good."

Mary Washington's first goal was scored by Jacqui Forsythe and assisted by Kathryn Amirpashae at the 25:27 mark in the first half. The Eagles second goal came after only 28 seconds had elapsed in the second half. Hannah Slotnick assisted Jaclyn Gebbia on the score which pushed the Eagles advantage to two goals to none.

After their second goal however, head coach Kurt Glaser felt as if the Eagles pressure waned



Amy Kingsbury in action for Mary Washington.

a little bit.

He said, "I thought the better team won. We could have scored about four or five more goals, but I thought we let down after we had scored two."

Despite a slight relenting in pressure by the Eagles, Cabrini was still unable to generate many scoring chances. Their only goal came in the 85-minute mark on a free kick that bounced off the crossbar.

"I was shouting from the sideline to pick your level up," Coach Glaser said. "But of course as always, they don't do that until they get a goal scored on them."

Cabrini's lone tally ended up serving as nothing more than a subtle wake up for the Eagles who quickly re-established their control of the game for the final five minutes to secure the win.

"We played as a team. Our passes were pretty crisp and we got good chances, but we just didn't finish them," said senior defense Rachel Vaccaro, who was recently named CAC player of the year. "There were a few lapses in defense, but overall I thought we did pretty well."

Mary Washington Women's Soccer advances to the NCAA second round on Friday, Nov. 14 at 1:30 p.m. at Messiah College.



Jaclyn Gebbia scored the game winning goal.

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Scene

An Underground Battle For Money

Students Compete To Win Best Band Title

By Mary Weber
Special To The Bulletin

At 8:15 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8, thirteen students waited patiently in 28-degree weather for a chance to go into the Underground for the Battle of the Bands competition. The guest list was limited to 50 students due to the lack of sprinklers.

The Underground was maxed to the limit with audience members for the Battle of the Bands sponsored by the Honor Council to conclude their Honor Awareness Week. With the co-sponsoring of Psi Upsilon and the assistance of the Giant Sound Tech crew, the show was a success among the performers and the audience.

A total of six bands signed up hoping for the free publicity, a chance to perform, and one of three cash prizes. The prizes awarded were \$400 for 1st place, \$300 for 2nd place, and \$200 for 3rd place.

The night was coordinated mainly by Christina Wimmel, Honor Council member, who put a lot of time into this event with advertisements for bands to perform and students to attend, organizing the flow of sets, and arranging judges for the evening.

Sidetracked took home first place, impressing the crowd with their acoustic

melodies. PASH won second place with their energized rock, and Hunkle-Funk with their creative music placed third.

The requirements for the bands was simple, at least one student had to be an MWC student, no foul language in the lyrics was allowed, and the set had to be under 10 minutes.

The evening was divided into two rounds, the first round consisted of each band playing a set of no more than 10 minutes. As the judges decided which three bands would continue onward, two Honor Council members entertained the audience in the down time.

Key-chains were given out as door prizes to students who knew the correct answers in a trivia game about the Honor system.

Round two was a head-to-head competition in which three bands each played a seven minute set in order to determine which place they would receive.

Faculty members Jeffrey Edmunds, Dawn Bowen, Farhang Rouhani, Daniel Friedheim, and Scott Powers, as well as students Matt Kapuscinski, senior and Class Council President,



Photo courtesy Sidetracked.

Sidetracked, Sophomores Dimitri Salonikios, Mike Hoffman, and Kai Crowe-Getty, placed first in the Battle of the Bands competition hosted by Honor Council Nov. 8.

and Jessica Bieleki, senior and JRB President presided as judges.

The first band of the evening was Inebriated Simian Miscreants, a young band of roughly three weeks composed of freshmen, drummer, Andrew Goodwin, vocalist, Mike DeMetro, bassist, Jon North, and guitarist, Kyle Faulkner. This was their debut performance of hard punk-rock music.

Next up were the Bad Luck Idols with guitarist, Ian Rhoad, bassist, Adam Russell

keyboardist and vocalist, Diana DiCicco, drummer, Rob Sledz, and vocalist/guitarist, Brian Doyle. Bad Luck Idols, an experimental rock group, has been together for almost two years.

For some more mellow tunes, Dan Correa took the stage. Correa is a freshman solo artist who's been playing guitar for six years and singing for two. While Correa enjoys strumming alone, he's looking for a band to play with.

The next performance was by Sidetracked, a

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A Dancer's Dozen

12 Students Choreograph Dances For Show

By Lesley Johnson
Scene Editor

It is the middle of the afternoon on Tuesday, Nov. 11 and the Performing Arts Club members are sitting around on stage waiting for the Dodd technical workers and the choreographers to get the lighting worked out so that they can start rehearsing.

The Performing Arts Club will be putting on its performance on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 16 at 2 p.m.

Elissa McKay, junior, asks her choreographer if she has time to run back to her residence hall, Willard, to get her books so she can do some of her homework while they are waiting.

There appears to be plenty of time. McKay races across campus from Dodd Auditorium to Willard Hall and back to Dodd Auditorium only to find the dance she is in finishing up.

"It is such a hectic week and sometimes no one knows what is really going on," McKay said. "I am in the fourth dance and the dancing hadn't started when I left. Sometimes the choreographers for the dances before yours are late, so the dances get out of order and that's what happened this time."

The week before the show is called "tech week." Monday they have a "spacing" rehearsal where the dancers get a feel for how the dances fit on stage. Practices before now were held in Goodrick practice rooms.

Tuesday and Wednesday the Dodd technical workers and the choreographers discuss lighting for the dances and work out any other problems the choreographers and dancers found with the "spacing."

"The tech guys are great in helping choreographers that are new and don't have a lot of experience in lighting," Briggs said. "Then the Dodd workers set the cues and the rest of the week is spent rehearsing with those lights and fixing what the choreographers

don't like about them."

While the choreographers and the Dodd technical workers try to figure out the stage appearance, the dancers stand by and watch.

"For the dancers, this consists of a lot of sitting around and then standing on stage for a long time, possibly running through the dance once, but the end result is definitely worth it," Frisbie said. "Rehearsals are definitely bonding time for the dancers because we spend hour upon hour sitting in Dodd. Everyone brings work but being dancers, every single time someone is onstage dancing we tend to watch them instead of working."

Thursday is the final dress rehearsal with costumes and lighting.

The choreographers embrace all types of musical genres allowing for more variation in the types of dancing that will be seen in the fall show.

"The younger classes have brought with them a lot of unique talent, especially in their classical ballet influences," said Lindsay Briggs, junior and Treasurer of the Performing Arts Club. "This gives our show this semester such variety. We have everything from hip-hop to Indian dance to ballet pieces."

According to Briggs, twelve dances make up this fall's show. The 12 dances include eight that were originally choreographed for Dodd, and they lean toward having at least 12, so they bumped up four dances from the small show, which was performed Tuesday, Nov. 4. A committee of members that were not in any small show pieces voted on which ones would be bumped up.

Students who are members of the

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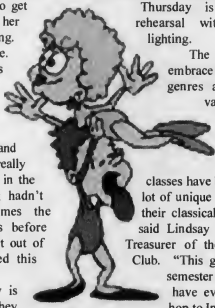


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Ben Folds Three

Musician Releases Third CD

By Jessica Goon
Staff Writer

Ben Folds doesn't have man boobs. Yet. After playing "Philosophy" on his black Baldwin piano with his hands, his fists, and his entire arm, an out-of-breath Folds told the crowd that the song inspired him to start running again.

"I don't have man boobs," Folds said, "but if I started growing them that would suck."

Ben Folds took a short break from working in the studio to perform at the Smith Center in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, Nov. 1. Folds is working on finishing up his third full-length solo album since Ben Folds Five broke up in 1999.

By 8 p.m. the floor of the Smith Center was packed and it was hard to find a seat in the bleachers surrounding the stage. The people in the first few rows in front of the stage seemed to all be part of an inside joke as they sang every lyric and clapped in unison during certain parts of each song Folds performed. Folds spent a lot of time talking to the crowd and acted like he was playing in front of a small group of his friends and not a large basketball-arena-turned-concert-hall.

Folds' piano rock style, which has been compared to Billy Joel and Elton John, has caused him problems in the past. He tells the crowd that he was supposed to play with the Dixie Chicks last month. However, when Folds arrived and began to warm up playing "Philosophy," he played the keys so hard that he snapped several of the strings and couldn't play the show.

"It was like they rolled out my grandmother's old piano," Folds said in his defense.

Erik Spahr, senior, attended the show and saw Ben Folds perform for the first time.

"I liked how he put on a rock show with just a piano," Spahr said, "and his story telling in between songs was pretty funny too."



Photo courtesy benfolds.com

Ben Folds.

Unlike many other artists, Ben Folds isn't interested in going double platinum or making it on Total Request Live. He is actually more of the anti-rock star. In the past two months he's put out two five-song EP's only available for sale through his website or at live shows.

"Quietly releasing my music as EP's allow me to get it out there as I finish it, with a minimum of hype," Folds said in a note to his fans on his website.

"It's for people who buy my music anyways," he continued. "It won't be sold in the big ass chains, because that puts the price up and starts the big ass machinery -- press, radio, etc. Then I have to pose naked at the piano, and really, I'm not a piece of meat, you know."

Folds believes it should be more about the music. He complained to the audience that all popular music today seems to just be pissed off.

"Stevie Wonder was writing in the 60s and he was black and he's singing happy songs, sad songs, angry songs, because he is a complete person," Folds said at the concert.

Folds is by no means a musical snob. Halfway through the show a fan yelled up to Folds to play the theme song to "Cheers." Folds admitted he doesn't know the words and fumbled through the chords while the audience sang along.

He also gave the audience a preview to some new songs he's working on for his album, due out in early 2004. Folds sang, "I don't have any words" as he debuted the beginnings of his new songs.

After an hour and a half of Folds playing everything from old Ben Folds Five classics, to not-yet-finished verses, he thanked the crowd and walked off stage. The Smith Center erupted into cheers and thunderous stomping on the bleachers.

The crowd held up lighters and blue and green digital cell phones while they awaited Folds' encore.

When he returned to the stage Folds said, "Thanks y'all, the cell phones looked pretty. This is a great way to come out of the studio."



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1. Matrix Revolutions



2. Elf



3. Brother Bear

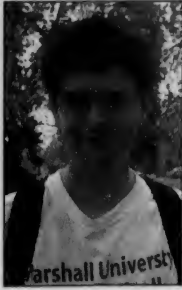
What Does Mary Washington Need?

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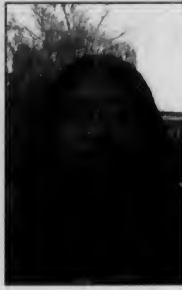
"Arabic classes."

**Brenna McErlean,
Junior**



**"More variety in
the food."**

**Richard Pitaniello,
Sophomore**



**"More cultural
awareness."**

**Paula Singson,
Sophomore**



"To get laid."

**Kevin Butler,
Sophomore**



**"Better facilities
for our programs."**

**Sarah Parr,
Senior**

"It's Not About The Winning."

◀ From BANDS, page 8.

trio of sophomores including guitarist/vocalist, Kai Crowe-Getty, guitarist/vocalist, Dimitri Salonikios, and guitarist/vocalist, Mike Hoffman. Sidetracked has been together for about a year. They write their own songs, including "So Far" which was written the day before the show. The band entered a songwriting contest in Charlottesville for "Third Degree Burn," and even though they did not place, it landed them a gig.

Bringing the funk into the evening was Hunkle-Funk, playing covers, as well as original songs. Band members consisted of senior drummer, Mike Newbold, senior acoustic bass/vocalist, William Stribling, senior guitarist, Erik Spahr, senior keyboardist, Russ Friedell, alumni drummer, Brian Holt, and senior rhythmic

guitarist/vocalist, Ed Dickerson.

"It's not about the winning," Stribling said. And before he could finish Newbold chimed in, "No, it's not about the winning, it's about the money!"

This light-hearted set was followed by the remaining band, PASH. An indie-rock band, PASH has been together for a year. Their first show was last year's Battle of the Bands. The members sophomore guitarist, Erik Bruner-Yang, junior vocalist/guitarist, Meredith Munoz, sophomore drummer, Jonathan Bigg, and sophomore bassist, Ryan Little practice every weekend and perform at shows on campus, around Fredericksburg, and in New York.

The evening was a success for all involved, as numerous students learned more about their Honor system while listening to bands in the Underground.

Members Provide Free Dance Lessons

◀ From DANCE, page 8.

Performing Arts Club choreograph the dances themselves. On Sept. 5, the twelve choreographers held a joint audition in Dodd Auditorium where students tried out.

Afterwards, the choreographers met and discussed who they wanted in their own dances. There is not a limit as to how many dances a member can be in.

Each member of the Performing Arts Club pays dues of \$10.00, which is added to any donations they receive. The accumulated money is divided up among the twelve choreographers. With this money, the choreographers buy the costumes for their dances.

"We have showings every other Friday between auditions and the week before the

show," Frisbie said. "Basically, we show each other the pieces, which is cool because you can see how they progress. After the showings, the choreographers meet to constructively critique each others' pieces."

In the dancers' down time, they offer free dance classes in the Goolrick dance studios to anyone who is interested.

On Wednesdays, they offer beginning ballet from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., ballroom dancing from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. and jazz from 5:45 p.m. to 7 p.m. On Thursdays they offer modern dance from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. and advanced ballet from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Performing Arts Club members teach classes, but new classes can start if anyone wants to teach them.

"The classes are very relaxed," Frisbie said. "We just want everyone to enjoy dance."

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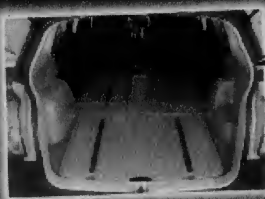
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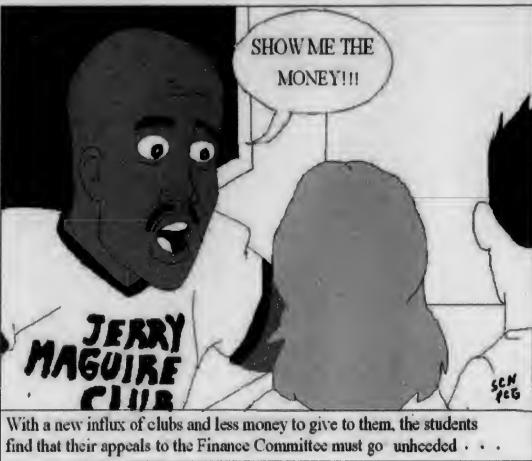
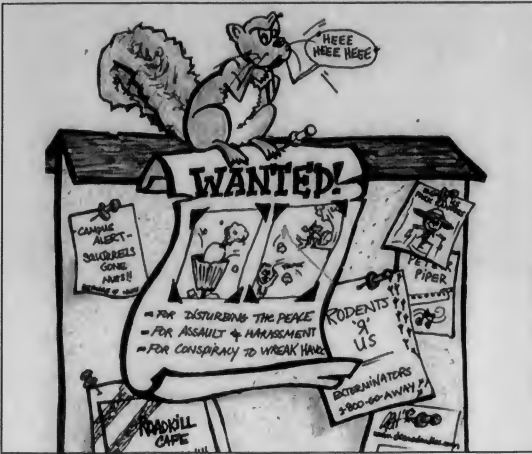
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The Weekly Wassup


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November 13 - November 19



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Sabor Latino Sponsored by SALSA 9 pm-1am Underground	Ramadan Banquet 6 pm Tan Lounge	Masquerade 7pm-11pm Underground Tickets \$5	Les Liaisons Dangereuses 2 pm Klein Theatre Tickets \$2 with MWC ID		Junior Ring Premiere 7 pm Great Hall	
Film: "Legacy of a Prophet" 7 pm Combs 139	Queer Film Festival 7 pm Dodd Auditorium					





Candlelight Vigil Held For Sexual Abuse Victims

By **TERESA GEARY**
Staff Writer

On Oct. 29, the Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault (RCASA) and the service learning floor of Custis Hall co-sponsored "Reach for the Light," a candlelight vigil to raise awareness for sexual assault and domestic violence.

RCASA and its sister organization, Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence (RCDV), shared statistics on abuse rates in Virginia as well as information on where to go for help. They lit candles representing the public resources in Fredericksburg dedicated to helping abuse victims. Later, members of the audience read poems and shared personal stories.

The first girl to share her story was 18-year-old Sydney. She said her mother has jumped from one abusive relationship to another. In the middle of campus walk, Sydney told how one of her mother's boyfriends sexually abused her when she was five, and beat the rest of her family. Throughout, Sydney seemed more intent on her mother's safety than her own. It was not until she explained how her mother's recent boyfriend convinced her mother to move away from Sydney and her siblings that tears began to stream down Sydney's face.

Sydney was much more like a mother herself than an 18-year-old when she voiced her concern that she couldn't protect her mother anymore.

"All I can do is call her every day," Sydney said. "All I wanted to do was protect her, that's still all I want to do."

Stephanie, a 30-year-old woman who was raped when she was 17, also shared a story.

"I was making a phone call at a pay phone, trying to find a home for a kitty cat of a friend who was moving," she said. "On my way back to my car two men attacked me."

She said one man ripped her shirt down the middle and then held her down while the other raped her.

"In the distance I could see two gas station attendants watching the whole thing," Stephanie said. "They never called the police."

Afterwards, Stephanie drove to a friend's house and her friend's father took her to the hospital. When she got to the emergency room a nurse told Stephanie she was last priority. The nurse also told Stephanie she could not put on another shirt because the ripped one she was wearing was evidence of rape.

While Stephanie told of her humiliation and pain, she also told the audience of her strength and determination. She underwent a two-year trial against the rapists which she described as a process harder than being raped. She eventually won her case.

She told the audience that her experiences have made her stronger.

"I feel very strong now and feel there is absolutely nothing that can take me down," Stephanie said.

The victims stressed the importance of speaking about their experiences. They encouraged victims to seek help and to talk to others about their experiences, both for personal healing and as an inspiration and warning to others suffering from similar situations.

Valerie, a 43-year-old woman, said "Keep looking up, it's going to be ok. But please, tell someone. Talk to your friends. Please let them



A vigil is held annually for sexual assault and domestic violence victims.

know that love does not hurt."

Terry Norton, 50, said, "If you've been abused in any way and think you can handle it alone, just forget about it. It will come to get you and it is called post traumatic stress." Norton continued, "There is nothing shameful about seeking help, and there is plenty of help to be had."

Senior Cat Miller, head of the service learning floor, said hearing the women's stories was emotionally charging.

"It was pretty inspiring to see people get up and face their demons publicly and express their emotions as both a warning and conciliation to others," Miller said.

Miller said mostly women live on the service learning floor and they chose this as their campus-wide project because it was an issue they felt connected to.

"I think that as college students we sort of disassociate ourselves with these issues," Miller said.

She said she thinks bringing groups such as RCASA to campus not only helps to make

students aware that sexual assault and domestic violence affect many, but also that there are services to provide help for these problems.

Polly Newman, education outreach organizer for RCASA, also stressed the importance of involving students with their program. Newman said victims should "break the silence by reaching out instead of keeping their abuse a secret."

Newman said she thinks abuse victims speaking publicly about their experiences is healthy.

"A lot of times as a result of hearing other people tell their stories a person will come out into the open about their experience for the first time," Newman said. "The confessions help break the silence and encourage people by letting them know they are not alone."

Newman said among other things RCASA provides crisis intervention, counseling for victims and a hotline for victims and their families.

For more information call, 540/371-1666.

Twelve Caught Cheating On Computer Proficiency Tests

By **ANNE BRABAND**
Staff Writer

When Pam Lowery, director of instructional technology at Mary Washington College, began the monotonous task of reviewing approximately 1,000 Information and Technology (IT) proficiency tests this past March, she knew exactly what she was looking for.

"We have a couple of techniques to evaluate [the tests] in an efficient fashion as well as to easily recognize when someone has cheated, but I can't divulge my secrets," Lowery said. "It's very easy to recognize. If I suspect a student has cheated I stop then and there."

Lowery stopped about 35 times. According to Honor Council officials, of the 35 instances of suspected cheating 12 had sufficient evidence to be brought to initial hearings. All students pled guilty and 11 students received between 125 and 200 community service hours. One student was suspended for an entire semester.

Senior Brian Reagan, Honor Council president, said students should treat the test like any other collegiate assignment.

"Before [students] even think of cheating, they need to ponder the severe consequences they might have," he said. "There is the possibility that they may be suspended or expelled from the college. Also, the violation will become part of the students' permanent record which can have negative impacts on life after graduation."

Phil Hall, vice president of academic affairs and dean of the faculty, said the instances of cheating aren't necessarily related to students' disrespect for the honor code.

"Students regard [the test] as a nuisance rather than an integral part of the academic program and it seems not to occur to them that using somebody else's answers to make the requirement go away is actually cheating," he said. "However, cheating is cheating, whatever the context."

All incoming students are informed of the requirement during student orientation. It is stated in many forms that all should abide by the honor code when completing this assignment.

A sophomore psychology major, who wished to remain anonymous, said the IT test is a pointless task in the curriculum at the college and admitted to cheating, although he was not caught.

"The test didn't really matter to me," he said. "It seems like the whole process is set up to allow students to cheat easily."

Lowery said this is not the attitude to have. "If students are suspected of cheating we'll follow the same procedures that would be followed in alleged cheating in an academic class," she said. "A lot of students take it lightly. It's a serious offense."

Freshman Megan Linn said at new student orientation the incoming class was repeatedly

told that this requirement should be done with respect to the college's honor code.

"They emphasized not to violate the honor code or you would suffer the consequences," she said. "They also told us not to put it off until the last minute which might cause someone to be more likely to cheat instead of taking time to learn the skills."

Tessa Merna, freshmen class council president and Virginia Hall president, believes students cheat on the IT test because many freshmen come from high schools where they weren't held to such high ethical and moral standards.

"To many freshmen the cheating line is fuzzy," she said. "It's easy to get away with cheating on homework or class work during high school. I believe that many freshmen wait until the last minute to do the assignment and take the quick way out. I don't think they believe that they will get caught."

The IT test has been modified since it was first implemented in 2001, but it still assesses the same four skill areas. According to the IT Web site, the requirement consists of the following: word processing in which students must create and revise a word-processed document, spreadsheets where students create a spreadsheet

including calculations, e-mail using the campus computer network and library and information literacy quizzes in which students locate information from the campus library and Internet.

Many students feel like the requirement is pointless because it tests material that is already known and because of the amount of time it takes.

The requirement irritated sophomore Amy Miller despite her taking time to master the skills.

"The whole process was time consuming," she said. "The spreadsheet portion is the worst part because the online help doesn't even help, but the word processing and e-mail was so easy. I guess it all evened out."

Despite negative comments about the IT test, Laurie Preston, reference and science librarian/library Web site manager, said the requirement is multifaceted, which most students do not always recognize.

"Since the test is administered outside the traditional course and grade structure, students are less able to see and feel the relevance of these skills to their coursework and their future careers," she said. "Especially while they, as freshmen, are adjusting to the entire college experience and are often overwhelmed with the myriad of other daily requirements in their recently changed lives."

Lowery said the goal of this requirement is for students to succeed, not to tempt them to cheat.

"More than anything else, we want students to acquire the skills we're assessing," Lowery said. "We will provide the tools. We don't want it to be

punitive."

Current seniors did not have an IT requirement when they were freshmen. However, in some English 101 courses professors required a library and information literacy test.

Senior Kassie Tucker had to take this test in order to pass her English 101 course.

"What we had to do was ridiculously easy," she said. "It was a joke. It's all just common knowledge."

According to the criteria for the accreditations set by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools undergraduate requirements state the graduates of degree programs be competent in

the basic use of computers. The college recognized the need to add an IT proficiency requirement to the curriculum and approved this in a faculty vote on April 7, 1999.

Lowery encourages students to contact the IT staff if they have any questions. Students new to the college this semester must complete the requirement by March 1 or they will be blocked from class registration for fall semester.

"We will gladly give help to anyone that needs help with any of the assignments," she said.

"When students are faced with a deadline and they are having a hard time they panic. We encourage students to get it done early."

NOTICE TO ALL COLLEGE COMMUNITY MEMBERS

In past years, the Affirmative Action Equal Employment Opportunity Council on Community Values (AAEEO/CCV) Committee has reviewed the College's affirmative action plans and diversity initiatives, and implementation of the College's sexual harassment policy. It also has emphasized the role of honor, integrity, and responsible conduct in maintaining Mary Washington's excellence as a learning community. It has assisted in funding projects - from bringing the AIDS quilt to campus on World AIDS Day to the Multicultural Fair and Alternative Spring Breaks - that support the College's Statement of Community Values. The AAEEO/CCV Committee serves the Office of the President in an advisory capacity. The Committee has the following goals:

- to foster a learning and work environment in which diversity, equity, respect, and personal and institutional integrity are valued.
- to lend financial assistance to projects and events that support inclusiveness, tolerance, and awareness of community values on campus.
- to invite input from the College community on how these goals can be reached, and on issues and initiatives that impact the recruitment and retention of people of color.

President Anderson has appointed administrative and teaching faculty members, and classified employees, to serve on the Committee. For 2003-04, Committee members are Sallie Braxton, Leah Cox, Natalie Ellis, Shelley Gibbs, Dana Hall, Deborah Jardin, Terry Luttrell, Leonard Koos, Venita McCall, Kimberly McManus, John Temple, George Thurston, Raymond Tuttle, Barbara Wagar, and Grant Woodwell. The Committee is chaired ex officio by Sabrina Johnson. The Committee welcomes your proposals, your suggestions and ideas, and your concerns in all AAEEO/CCV-related areas. Please do not hesitate to contact any member by e-mail, telephone, or in person when you see them on campus. Meetings for the remainder of the academic year have been scheduled for the following dates:

November 13, 2003
December 5, 2003
February 6, 2004
March 19, 2004
April 14, 2004

and we encourage funding proposals and topics for discussion to be brought to the Committee's attention with these dates in mind.

Information about the format for and submission of funding proposals may be obtained by calling Sabrina Johnson at x1046.

Her office also serves as a point of contact for any questions related to this notice and to this committee.



Computer cheaters are abundant.